

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A hand operated utility cart comprising:
 - a platform having a front end, a back end, and defining an upper surface and a lower surface;
 - a longitudinal handle extending in a longitudinal direction from the platform, the longitudinal handle having a distal end and a proximal end relative to the platform;
 - a transverse handle extending transversely from the distal end of the longitudinal handle;
 - wheel supports extending downwardly from the platform lower plane;
 - a respective wheel rotatably mounted to each wheel support, each wheel mounted for the cart to travel in the longitudinal direction, the wheels at least partially located beneath the platform lower plane.
2. The cart of Claim 1, further comprising a kick stand allowing for a free standing, horizontally level cart; and a hand braking system; wherein the transverse handle further comprises a curved handle bar assembly allowing the load to remain in a horizontal position during operation;.
3. The cart of Claim 2, wherein the kick stand comprises a modified flattened bracket; a welded stop for single directional operation; a spring; and a washer slipped between the spring and the bracket for added tension.
4. The cart of Claim 1, the transverse handle further comprising a curved handle bar assembly comprising of a threaded aperture; plus a bicycle handle.
5. The cart of Claim 1, further comprising dual brakes and a hand braking system comprising a single hand brake for operating the dual brakes; a

cable mount located under the longitudinal handle; and a 'Y' cable system utilizing two cables functionally connecting the single hand brake to operate dual brakes.

6. The cart of Claim 1, wherein the wheel supports each comprise a bicycle fork assembly, wherein a first end of each fork assembly is connected to the lower surface of the platform in proximity to a respective side end of the platform; the second end of each fork assembly being able to reasonably attach a wheel.

7. The cart of Claim 6, wherein each bicycle fork is attached to the platform by a respective hinge so that each fork can pivot to fold alongside the platform.

8. The cart of Claim 1, wherein the wheels are entirely located beneath the platform lower surface.

9. The cart of Claim 1, further comprising a kickstand extending downwardly from the longitudinal handle.

10. The cart of Claim 1, further comprising a kickstand mounted to the longitudinal handle comprising a mount attached to the longitudinal member and a movable extension member movable from an extended position at which it extends downwardly a given distance from the longitudinal handle to an unextended position away from the extended position.

11. The cart of Claim 1, further comprising a kickstand mounted to the longitudinal handle comprising a mount attached to the longitudinal member and a pivotable extension member pivotable from an extended position at which it extends downwardly from the longitudinal handle to an unextended position at which it is substantially lying alongside the longitudinal member.

12. The cart of Claim 1, wherein the platform upper surface is flat.

13. The cart of Claim 1, wherein the platform upper surface is concave to have a concave transverse cross-section and a concave longitudinal cross-section.

14. The cart of Claim 1, wherein the platform upper surface has a concave shaped transverse cross-section.

15. The cart of Claim 1, wherein no members extend upwardly from the platform upper surface.

16. The cart of Claim 1, further comprising a respective brake for at least two said wheels and a brake control for activating at least one of the brakes.

17. The cart of Claim 1, wherein the brake control comprises a brake handle attached to the transverse handle, the brake handle attached to a cable, the cable being functionally attached to at least one of the brakes.

18. The cart of Claim 1, wherein the brake control comprises a brake handle attached to the transverse handle, the brake handle attached to a cable, the cable being functionally attached to the brakes.

19. The cart of Claim 1, wherein the transverse handle comprises a U-shape portion having two opposed ends and opposes transverse handle portions extending from each end of the U-shaped portion.

20. The cart of Claim 1, wherein the platform upper surface is flat and when the platform upper surface is parallel to the ground, the transverse handle has an uppermost portion about 5 to about 12 inches higher above the ground than the platform upper surface.

21. The cart of Claim 1, wherein the platform upper surface is flat and

the transverse handle has an uppermost portion about 5 to about 12 inches above the surface in which the platform upper surface lies.

22. The cart of Claim 1, wherein the platform upper surface is flat and the transverse handle has an uppermost portion about 6 to about 8 inches above the plane in which the platform upper surface lies.

23. The cart of Claim 1, wherein the platform has a length of about 30 to 52 inches, a width of about 20 to about 36 inches and the platform lower surface is about 12 to about 30 inches above the ground.

24. The cart of Claim 1, wherein the wheel supports are U-shaped forks, and there are no elements of the cart between the wheel supports in a space of from ground level to a height of at least about 50% of the height of the platform lower surface above the ground level.

25. The cart of Claim 1, wherein the wheel supports are U-shaped forks, and there are no elements of the cart between the wheel supports in a space of from ground level to a height of at least about 75% of the height of the platform lower surface above the ground level.

26. A hand operated utility cart comprising:
a platform having a front end, a back end, and defining an upper surface and a lower surface;
a longitudinal handle extending in a longitudinal direction from the platform, the longitudinal handle having a distal end and a proximal end relative to the platform;
a transverse handle extending transversely from the distal end of the

longitudinal handle;

wheel supports extending downwardly from the platform lower surface;

a respective wheel rotatably mounted to each wheel support, each wheel mounted for the cart to travel in the longitudinal direction; and

a kickstand extending downwardly from the longitudinal handle.

27. A hand operated utility cart comprising:

a platform having a front end, a back end, and defining an upper surface and a lower surface;

a handle comprising a longitudinal handle member extending in a longitudinal direction from the platform, the longitudinal handle having a distal end and a proximal end relative to the platform and a transverse handle member extending transversely from the distal end of the longitudinal handle member;

wheel supports extending downwardly from the platform lower surface;

a respective wheel rotatably mounted to each wheel support, each wheel mounted for the cart to travel in the longitudinal direction; and

a respective brake for at least two said wheels and a brake control attached to the handle for activating at least one of the brakes.